

the Ring



"Except it be a lover, no one is more interesting as an object of study than a student."

— Sir William Osler, *The Student Life*, 1905

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University of Victoria

Report questions need for B.C. optometry school

Support for a proposed new school of optometry at UVic is not forthcoming in the report of a provincial vision care task force reporting to Health Minister Bob McClelland.

The majority report, officially released March 3, makes no specific reference to the proposed optometry school and questions the need for a separate school of optometry for B.C. alone.

A minority report from the B.C. Medical Association representatives on the task force recommends that "if and when optometric training facilities are necessary in British Columbia, it would be in the public interest that the training facilities be located at the British Columbia Institute of Technology with students making use of the clinical facilities in the University Department of Ophthalmology and affiliated hospitals in their training programs."

A new school of optometry at UVic was proposed in a report prepared in 1977 by Dr. John Dewey as former Dean of Academic Affairs.

That report, now in the hands of a Senate planning subcommittee, proposed two alternative plans for implementing an accredited optometry school at UVic for Western Canada.

Citing a Canadian Optometry Association brief, Dewey's report states that there was a severe shortage of 52 optometrists in Western Canada in 1973 and this shortage will increase to 277 by 1983, using conservative figures.

The task force report, however, states that the current productivity of optometrists in B.C. is low and if it increases there may not be any need for more optometrists in the province.

The task force report says that the requirements of B.C. joined with the optometric requirements of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba produce "some justification for a school of 25 to 30 optometry students per year."

"But if the productivity of optometrists increases or if optometrists continue to emigrate to B.C. from the rest of Canada and other areas, this school will result in an oversupply."

The provincial task force was set up in April, 1976 to examine the cost and operation of the present vision care system in British Columbia and to make recommendations about the future of eye care in the province.

UVic was not officially informed of the existence of the task force nor was it approached for input. The task force did not hold public hearings or request briefs while preparing its report.

Represented on the task force were the provincial ministries of health and education, the University of British Columbia department of ophthalmology, the B.C. Optometric Association, the B.C. College of Physicians and Surgeons, the B.C. Medical Association, the B.C. Dispensing Opticians Association, the health education advisory council of the Universities Council of B.C. and the B.C. Medical Services Commission.

Although the findings of the task force were officially released March 3, the complete report at **The Ring** deadline was not yet printed and ready for distribution.

Most of the 13 recommendations released

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Greeting visitors to the McKinnon Centre recently was this subtle group of physical education students with their non-smoking friend.

No butts about McKinnon

The non-smokers in the McKinnon Centre are getting militant.

They're fed up with squash players who light up in the locker rooms and unhappy with having to fight their way through a blue cloud of cigaret smoke that sometimes hangs in the foyer of the athletic complex.

They're circulating a petition to ban smoking "anytime, anywhere" in the McKinnon and recently they staged a demonstration that included an ashtray robot and several anti-smokers in surgical masks and scuba gear.

The petition is being circulated by the Physical Education Students' Association.

Association president Brian Cook (Educ-4) says smoking should be banned from the McKinnon, "in the interest of promoting fitness and health".

"It's really bad sometimes," he says. "Some people who come to events in the gym where smoking is not permitted are sneaking a smoke."

"Physical Education faculty and students try to stress a healthy life-style and smoking should not be allowed in the McKinnon as an example for the rest of the university community."

Cook says the student association has sent requests for a no-smoking rule to the Physical Education, Athletic and Recreation Facilities (PEARF) users' committee but the committee has been unenthusiastic.

"We'll present the petition to the committee and request a meeting with them," he says. "It's a popular petition. We had more than 100 names on it in the first few hours."

Ted Sawchuk, director of student and ancillary services and chairman of the PEARF users' committee says he thinks the no-smoking rule is a "great idea".

"But who's going to supervise it?", he asks. "And how do you enforce a regulation like that when some people feel it's a restriction on their personal freedom?"

Sawchuk says the committee would be pleased to get a petition calling for a ban on smoking. "The more pressure we have, the better. If there's enough interest, we might be able to post no-smoking signs in the McKinnon Centre."

Sawchuk says the university does not have enough staff to enforce no-smoking regulations. "Such regulations will not work until the public is prepared to accept them and to police them."

UVic won't quit

UVic is carrying on with its study of the possible establishment of a school of optometry on campus, despite the lack of encouragement from a provincial task force on vision care.

"We have asked every department and division at UVic to look at the proposal for a school of optometry and to send their responses to the Senate planning sub-committee studying it," says Dr. John Dewey, Dean of Graduate Studies and author of a report on possible optometry programs at UVic.

"Even if we started a school tomorrow we wouldn't have graduates until at least 1986," he said.

Dewey said the task force on vision care, in its report, has indicated that the five western provinces should decide jointly on optometric training.

"We have always known that the decision is not going to be ours' alone," he said. "The western provinces have to make up their minds whether they need a school of optometry."

Dewey said federal officials have stated to UVic that they feel a school of optometry in western Canada is of national importance.

"If the western provinces believe that there should be such a school, then UVic should indicate if it would like to be considered for the site of such a school."

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to the media dealt with the regulations and qualifications of dispensing opticians and details of a government-supported vision care program involving ophthalmologists, optometrists and opticians.

One recommendation proposes that "the government of British Columbia remain in consultation with the ministers of health and education in the other western provinces and consider any proposal for co-operation in optometric education."

The task force report discusses the maximum need for new optometrists in B.C. and population projections for the province.

"...the maximum number to be trained under the worst possible projections is 12 optometrists per year.

"It is clear to the task force that there is not a sufficient requirement for new optometrists in B.C. alone to justify a school of optometry. How many of the needed six (per year) presently recruited from elsewhere will continue to emigrate to B.C.? The arguments for or against the projections are easy to muster but, if B.C. is to be completely self-sufficient in vision care somewhere between 13 and 18 optometrists per year must be recruited..."

The University of Waterloo has the only English-speaking school of optometry in Canada and 14 optometry student positions there have been purchased by the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

One alternative to building a new school considered by the task force was to join the other western provinces "and purchase a limited number of places at the University of Waterloo or other schools of optometry in the United States or elsewhere..."

The Director of UW's Optometry School, Dr. Emerson Woodruff, has visited UVic to advise on the proposed new school here, which he supports.

The first alternative proposed in Dewey's report calls for an autonomous optometry school at UVic, with two years lead time preparation before 55 students would be admitted to the first professional year.

The second alternative would develop a co-operative program with UW which would lead to the development of an autonomous school at UVic within three or four years.

Homecoming is a weekend to remember

Alumni from across British Columbia and beyond are coming to UVic March 31 and April 1 for Homecoming Weekend.

Plans have been completed for what promises to be a weekend to remember. The major event is a buffet dinner in the dining room of the Commons Block at 8 p.m. March 31.

Dr. Peter Smith, Dean of Fine Arts and chairman of the Jubilee Committee is master of ceremonies. The committee has scheduled numerous events to mark the 75th anniversary of the first university classes taught at UVic's predecessor, Victoria College.

The main speaker at the alumni dinner is Dr. Sydney G. Pettit, who has a long, unique association with UVic.

He came to Victoria College as a student in 1925 and was editor of the Victoria College Annual in 1926. He attended Victoria Normal School in 1927-28, taught for several years and completed a degree, with first-class honors, at the University of British Columbia in 1936.

He was appointed librarian and instructor of history at Victoria College in 1937 and continued as the sole member of the history department until 1957.

As the college expanded and became UVic in 1963, Pettit was named professor of history and head of the growing department. He taught at UVic until his retirement in 1972.

The evening will begin with a no-host reception in the ground floor area of the Commons Block at 7:15 p.m. Tickets, at \$8 each, will admit the holder to the reception, dinner and other weekend events.

Dewey protests student job cutback

Dr. John Dewey, Dean of Graduate Studies, has officially protested a surprise provincial government decision to cut funding in half for summer research jobs for students.

Dewey wrote to Labor Minister Allan Williams and Education Minister Dr. Patrick McGeer after the announcement earlier this month by the Ministry of Labor that UVic will get \$186,616 this year to provide summer jobs for students, compared with \$378,000 in 1977.

"The announcement came as a complete surprise to us," said Dewey.

"Dr. McGeer has stressed that the province wishes to support research in this province and this decision is absolutely contrary to that policy."

Dewey said that UVic hired 140 students at

the beginning of last summer for research projects under provincial government funding and by the end of the summer 160 students were working in the program.

"This year we have enough money to fill 71 positions," he said.

The jobs which pay \$550 to \$750 a month are based on projects submitted by faculty members. "The pay is very low but the jobs are desired and last year we had more than 300 projects submitted which we had to whittle down to 140."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Labor said the decision to cut funding for UVic, Simon Fraser and UBC was prompted by a government decision to get the greatest number of jobs out of funds available.

The spokesman said the funds cut from

the universities program where the government pays the full cost of job creation, will be moved to programs in private industry where the government subsidizes employers to hire students by paying half their salaries.

The spokesman said until all projects are approved under the program, it would not be known if funds for student jobs would be less than in 1977.

"The government has not given universities the option of paying half the salaries of students hired under the program," said Dewey. "We would like to have that option."

Dewey said faculty members receiving research grants could have hired students under the program, paying half-salaries.

"The university allocation of research funds has not increased in eight years and the problem is now a serious one," he said.

Dewey has written to McGeer to plead with the labor ministry on behalf of the universities for a change in the recent decision. He has also written to Dr. William Armstrong, former chairman of the Universities Council of British Columbia and director of a newly appointed research secretariat for B.C.

"The province has effectively cut research funding for universities in half," said Dewey. "And it could not have come at a worse time."

Also writing letters of protest is Dr. Douglas Kenny, president of UBC. Kenny said the UBC budget for summer research jobs for students was cut to about \$700,000 this year from \$1.5 million in 1977.

Kenny said he had expressed his concern to the labor minister and a hope that the decision was not final and irrevocable. He said he pointed out in his letter that the program which established summer research projects for students in every field of study at UBC under the supervision of faculty members, had been a good one for students.

Building a strong foundation

After five years of negotiations, Camosun College has a permanent home and UVic has \$4.5 million for the UVic Foundation.

The province this month announced that it has purchased Camosun College campus on Lansdowne from UVic and that the college can now plan permanent facilities.

"I'm pleased for Camosun because I know it's been difficult for them to plan and develop their campus," said President Howard Petch.

"I'm delighted for us because this money will be invested by the UVic Foundation and the interest used to help UVic achieve academic excellence."

Petch explained that the money for the sale of the Lansdowne campus cannot be used to offset normal operating expenses nor for buildings.

"It can only be used in ways above the normal and over the next few years it will be used to create permanent positions for outstanding faculty members and to bring in outstanding visiting professors."

Petch said only the interest on the \$4.5 million can be used. He said there is not enough time to hire any outstanding professors from the funds for 1978-79.

UVic hosts key conference

Speakers from the United States, Canada and Britain will discuss various aspects of the legislative process at a two day conference slated for UVic March 31 and April 1.

Co-sponsored by the Faculty of Law at UVic and the Institute for Research on Public Policy, Montreal, the conference is the first of four national conferences on governmental processes planned for various Canadian universities in coming months.

The Hon. Robert L. Stanfield, MP, will open the conference with a keynote address on "The Present State of the Legislative Process in Canada: Myths and Realities". The concluding speech will be delivered by Dr. John P. Mackintosh, MP, Head of the Department of Politics at the University of Edinburgh Saturday evening. His topic will be "The Future of Parliamentary Democracy".

Other speakers will be: Prof. Donald Smiley of York University, "The Conduct of Federal-Provincial Relations in a Parliamentary System"; Dr. Samuel Patterson, Director of the Legislative Studies Centre at the University of Iowa, "Some Directions for Reforming Legislatures Based on the U.S. Experience"; Mr. John Reid, MP, "The Backbencher and the Discharge of Legislative Responsibilities"; Dr. William Stanbury of UBC, "Lobbying and Interest Group Representation"; Mr. Geoffrey Stevens, Associate Editor of the Toronto Globe and Mail, "The Influence and Responsibilities of the Media"; Prof. C.E. Franks of Queen's University, "Procedural Reform in the Legislative Process" and Prof. William Charles of Dalhousie University, "Public Policy and Legislative Drafting".

Each presentation will be followed by a panel discussion. UVic participants include Prof. R.I. Cheffins of Law; Dr. K. George Pedersen, Vice-President; Dr. Walter D. Young and Prof. Norman Ruff of Political Science and Dr. Kathleen Archibald and Prof. Ronald Burns of the School of Public Administration.

Other discussants are: Bruce Hutchison; Miss Flora MacDonald MP; Frances Russell of the Winnipeg Tribune; Ms. Catherine

Bergman, CBC Ottawa; Mr. Alasdair J. McKichan, President of the Retail Council of Canada, Toronto; Mr. Jerald D. Yanover of the Office of the President of the Privy Council, Ottawa and the Hon. K. Rafe Mair, B.C. minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

All lectures and discussion sessions are open to the public free of charge and with the exception of the speeches by Dr. Mackintosh and Dr. Patterson will be held in the Student Union Building.

Continuing Ed...Summer Session to go?

A new Division of University Extension at UVic to be created from the reorganization of Summer Session and Continuing Education into a single administrative unit was approved by Senate without debate March 1.

The final approval of the proposed change rests with the Board of Governors.

If approved by the BOG, the new division will come into existence July 1 and will be headed by a director to be selected from candidates responding to a nationwide competition for the position.

The recommendation to integrate into a single administrative unit was brought to Senate by Dr. George Pedersen, chairman of the Senate committee on planning.

"In most colleges and universities in Canada and the U.S., it has become recognized that the overall extension function, including summer session programs, has to be integrated if the needs of part-time students are to be met adequately," states Pedersen's report to Senate.

To date at UVic, Summer Session and Continuing Education have operated virtually independently of each other and one result has been an institutional failure to develop a great deal in the way of planned degree-completion programs for part-time students, the report notes.

Under the proposed new structure, there would be two sub-units under the director of university extension with one responsible for

community programs and special projects and one responsible for part-time credit and planned degree completion.

One of the reasons for the proposed change cited in the report is that the term of the present director of summer session, Dr. Geoffrey Mason, ends with this academic year and Mason has been granted study leave for 1978-79.

The present director of the Division of Continuing Education is Dr. L.E. Devlin.

Pedersen's report states that the proposal to advertise nationally for a new director of university extension is not intended to reflect on "the qualifications or competencies of either incumbent of the two existing administrative units; indeed, it emphasizes the viewpoint that the proposed new position is one of considerably greater importance and responsibility."

The report states that the proposed new Division of University Extension will:

- provide a more efficient level of administrative service.
- insure that the planned degree-completion programs of part-time students will receive greater care and attention
- attempt to provide overall integration for non-credit offerings on a year-round basis
- will provide much-needed assistance if and when this university becomes more involved in distance education.

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There's still time to donate blood to the Canadian Red Cross Society donors' clinic now underway in the Student Union Building. The clinic is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the SUB today (Mar. 16) and Friday (Mar. 17). The whole procedure is quick and painless and you might be saving a life in the bargain.

It is still not too late to order books from the campus bookstore and get one book free under the terms of the annual McClelland & Stewart paperback sale. The sale started Feb. 22, the day that publisher Jack McClelland was at the store handing out free books and answering questions. Earlier reports said the sale terms were in effect up to Feb. 28, but the final date for placing orders through the bookstore is now March 23. The terms are straightforward—pick three M&S paperbacks and the cheapest one is free. Booklists and order forms are available at the bookstore.

Everything that you've ever wanted to know about research at UVic and more is contained in the 1976-77 Research Report presented to the Feb. 20 meeting of the Board of Governors by Dean of Graduate Studies John Dewey. Well, maybe not everything. But this first report of its kind to be prepared at UVic contains clear descriptions of some of the major research projects of each academic department, division and school at UVic from July 1976 to July 1977, and more detailed articles describing some projects of particular interest. The report is illustrated with photos and lists faculty publications at the end of each section. Also included is a breakdown of the source of university research funds. One thousand copies have been printed and will be sent to industry, government, UVic faculty, universities across Canada and some libraries, says Ann Ehrcke who assisted Dewey in preparing the report.



Charsley: eat right to feel good

The guest speakers list for War in the Modern World (Hist.) 390 continues with Brig. Gen. N.F. Parrish of the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama and Dr. Don Sherman, Queen's University's expert on British naval history in the 19th century. Both men will speak in Cornett 343 from 9:30 to 10:20. Brig. Gen. Parrish on Tuesday, March 21 and Dr. Sherman on Wednesday, March 22.

The Margaret Newton Award winners for this year are Linda Konas (Educ-2), Lorraine MacLachlan (A&S-2) and Joanne Wiens (A&S-3). The awards, given to the three girls who contributed most to the quality of life in the Margaret Newton Residence, are funded from the legacy Dr. Newton left to the hall in her will. Dr. Newton, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, received the Flavelle Medal for her work with wheat diseases and in particular the development of rust-resistant wheat varieties.

The Vikettes basketball team has a deep pool of talent upon which to draw for the 1978-79 season when they put their 60-game undefeated string on the line in Canada West University Athletic Association (CWUAA) play. The UVic Jaycees, the junior edition of the Vikettes, captured the British Columbia junior women's basketball championship recently with two straight wins over the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Donovan Waters of the Faculty of Law has been appointed an Honorary Member of the Estate Planning Council of Vancouver. Dr. Waters joined the UVic staff in mid 1977. He came from McGill where he was the Gale Professor of Law and he is considered to be one of Canada's outstanding legal scholars, particularly in the field of trusts and property.

Food is on many people's minds these days if the turnout at a mini-lecture by UVic's new consultant nutritionist is any indication. Canada Food guides were in short supply for those who came to hear Elspeth Charsley speak to more than 50 people in the McKinnon Centre Mar. 7. A dietician-nutritionist with the Ministry of Health, Charsley has been hired by UVic on a part-time basis to assist students with diet-related problems. She is on campus each Tuesday working with Student Health Services and will also work with Food Services and the Counselling Centre. Charsley explained how to determine one's proper calorie intake while pointing out that more than 50 per cent of the adult Canadian population is overweight. She made her nutritional points rapidly, with the help of colorful bar graphs showing nutrient values of different foods, and at the end of the presentation was asked questions on topics ranging from the value of fasting, to vitamin supplements and the nutritional value of campus menus. Here are some of Charsley's replies. "Fasting is not a terribly good idea and it's not true that it cleans out the system...you don't need vitamin supplements if you are eating a balanced diet. They are get-rich-quick schemes for the people selling them...I haven't gone through the campus menus yet but I think you can probably manage quite easily. You can't feed 500 people as you can five. You have to do the best you can.

News Bullets

The University of Western Ontario in London is 100 years old this year.

Canada's first organization for university graduates who can't find jobs has sprung up in Winnipeg and has applied for incorporation and is drawing up a constitution. Spokesmen say it began as a self-help group but is now involved in driving for political change.

The Board of Governors at the University of Waterloo has approved a motion authorizing the return of Federation of Students fees to those who apply for a refund within three weeks of the beginning of classes. If more than 50 per cent of the students apply, the university will stop collecting the fees at registration. Students demanded the payback feature in a referendum last year. To cope with the possible refunds the federation plans to slash its budget by 20 per cent and at the same time drop fees from \$13.50 to \$12 a term.

McMaster University's Senate has approved the first honours undergraduate program in Computer Engineering in Canada.

The Macdonald Institute was founded 75 years ago "to meet the pressing need to educate Ontario's rural women in practical matters." Now, as the College of Family and Consumer Studies at the University of Guelph, it has hundreds of students enrolled in Family and Consumer Studies and Hotel and Food Administration. As the Guelph university publication says "From MAC to FACS we've come a long way."

University officials in Ontario say this year's increase in government grants averages out to 5.8 per cent which means cuts in staff and services. According to the University of Toronto tuition fees have been frozen for the next school year so the basic income unit will increase by only 4.9 per cent.

letters



Dear Sir,

How are we to encourage Canadian English and discourage Canglish if such official monstrosities as BIKE XING disfigure our roads? When I look at a road and see such a sign, I become very x. The piece of doggerel quoted below is dedicated to Sarah Binks.

Onc cannot easily ascend
By bicycle or bike
Mount Eisenhower which is named
For 'Icycle' or 'Ike'.
Our salmon's far more edible
Than picycle or pike.
We love our 'Posties' when they're not
On stricycle or strike.
And Berton's 'The Last — how's it go? —
Last Spicycle or Spike'.
How thrilling on the West Coast Trail
To hicycle or hike!
But one exception loud proclaim
Through micycle or mike,
Our Mr. Trudeau who can e-
Ver licycle or like?

Yours sincerely,
H.H. Huxley
Classics

Sir,

Through the medium of *The Ring* I would like to address myself to all employees at the University of Victoria.

Three years ago that portion of the Universities Act, as it relates to the Board of Governors, was amended in order to allow for an additional seat on the Board to be filled by a representative employee. In due course an election was held and Alf Lee, a long-time and popular employee, was elected to fill the seat. Mr. Lee's appointment expires at the end of April this year. He has done an excellent job, has been a good representative, and I, for one, would like to thank him.

Now that he is stepping down, it is my intention to place my name, Sonia Birch-Jones, in nomination for the (about to be vacated) seat.

I believe that my background at the university and in the community fits me for the position. As a long-time resident of Victoria, I have had an association with the university, almost from the time it first came into being. In fact, after it had been open for a year, and both my daughters were attending at that time as students, I took the job of paid secretary to the Alma Mater Society. If nothing else the job enabled me to be a part of the growing pains that the university was undergoing, particularly insofar as the students were concerned. Some years later I came back, but this time I came as the secretary to the then vice-president, now dean of administration.

I spent three years in that position and there is no better place to learn about the administration of the university, its policies and its procedure. Further, it afforded me the opportunity to get to know exactly

what support staff meant and how it is indeed the strength that supports the university in its every day affairs.

All those people that work in buildings and grounds, personnel, traffic and the mail room, food services, student support offices, accounting, and many other areas are, in fact, the backbone of the university.

And we should not forget the managers, administrative officers and others: all of who contribute to the everyday well being of a university we can take pride in.

Now I work in the office of the School of Public Administration where I have gained experience of the academic world. During my time in the dean's office I was an excluded member of the union but since being at the school I have been able to take part in union affairs. I have enjoyed being a participating member of the union. It has been an exhilarating and interesting experience, not to mention the learning aspect.

I believe I would serve you well as your representative on the board. I am not a "rubber stamp" individual, neither am I a "hot head", but I am not afraid to speak out when it is necessary. University governance at this university is good. I would like to make my contribution to the board on your behalf.

If I am elected, I will keep lines of communication open, so that you would be made aware, whenever possible, of action taken by the board that would affect you as employees. Conversely, I would hope to hear from you, either individually or as a group, if you have any feasible suggestions you might wish brought to the board, bearing in mind they should reflect the well-being of the university as a whole.

I would hope that I might have the opportunity to meet and talk with you personally, over the next few weeks. Many of you I already know and enjoy calling "friend"; I look forward to adding to the list.

In the meantime, if you would like to phone me, don't hesitate to do just that. My number is 477-4108 and I am home most evenings after 7:30 p.m. And, finally, don't forget to vote. It doesn't matter who you vote for, (hopefully you will vote for me), but vote. It is a democratic privilege that was earned for us a long time ago. We should never forget to use it.

Sincerely,
Sonia Birch-Jones

Sir:

Three cheers for the Research and Travel Office! The Research Report just published is a document of great interest and importance. I was particularly struck by an entry in the publications list of the Division of Psychological Foundations of the Faculty of Education, to wit: R.A. Carr. "Scientist Solves Mystery Disease" *Monday Magazine*, 40(3) 12, (Oct. 3-9 1977).

Now I read this article when it appeared, and was at the time totally unaware that I was reading research. I can still hardly believe it. However, seeing that entry has permitted me to formulate a corollary to the well-known Unwritten Law of the Dean's Advisory Committee. The Law goes: any research not published is Not-Research. The Corollary is: any not-research published is Research.

I hope you will be good enough to print this letter; the way things are going, it may be crucial in my next bid for promotion.

Yours Sincerely,
John Greene
French

Sir

In the lead article of your March 2nd issue entitled, "Committee becomes equal rights watchdog," you quote an interesting passage written by Heather Nicol, chairman of the continuing education subcommittee. It reads: "In part-time undergraduate students, statistics available indicate roughly twice as many women as men, so that clearly any problems arising become automatically discriminatory toward women merely by this statistical fact."

May I suggest a course in logic.

Yours
Philip Dearden
(GS-D)



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'78 Open House

Open House '78 started rather slowly on a rainy Saturday afternoon, but by Sunday evening, more than 20,000 visitors had toured the campus.

They waited in long line-ups to view moon rocks, magic shows, hypnosis demonstrations and to design their own harmonigraphic posters.

They studied microscopic specimens, played games with computers, listened to music and asked questions. The largest crowds were concentrated in the Elliott, Cunningham, Clearihue, Cornett and McKinnon buildings.

The only area where attendance was "very disappointing" according to a spokesman was outside the Ring Road, in the huts and student residences.

"It was absolutely wall-to-wall people," said a spokesman for the chemistry department. "Four years ago we had an electronic counter for open house and calculated that 15,000 visitors came through the department. There were a lot more this year."

Both physics and chemistry shows were sold-out well in advance for every performance Saturday and Sunday. The chemistry department ran out of programs and brochures to hand to visitors. "There was a tremendous response from the public," said the spokesman.

Departments also had a tremendous response from faculty, staff and students who served as volunteers, manning displays and information booths.

In the Cunningham Building, the halls were crammed with people. Earl the Earthworm was popular with the youngsters and the marine and plant exhibits drew steady streams of people.

Over at the McKinnon Centre, organizers said they were pleased with the participatory aspects of open house. "The swimming pool was packed all day and there were a lot of youngsters trying out the gymnastic equipment."

Physical education students tested more than 200 volunteers to find fitness levels and offer advice on exercise.

The Cornett Building was "buzzing" with people, according to a spokesman. "It's the best open house we've ever had," was another comment from a faculty member in the psychology department.

In the MacLaurin Building, the language laboratories and the Slavonics program were well attended.

"The whole weekend was an outstanding success," said a spokesman for the mathematics department. In fact the math department kept its



popular harmonigraph demonstration open until 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 7 on Sunday.

A spokesman for the biochemistry and microbiology department said the displays in the huts had "very poor" attendance. "We received lots of publicity before open house but people didn't seem to know where to find us."

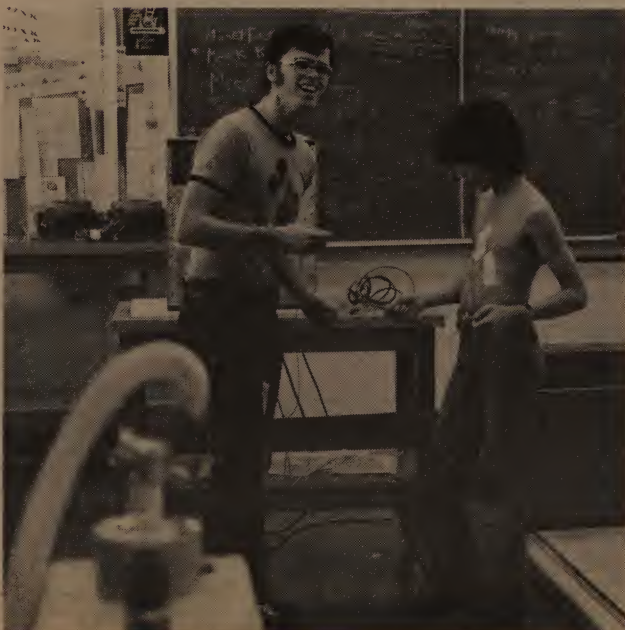
The Commons Block and student residences did not have many visitors during the weekend. "We had a floor open in each residence and were showing student movies but most people seemed to concentrate on the buildings inside the Ring Road," said a spokesman.

Most departments found the weekend exhilarating and exhausting. "People were asking very intelligent questions about our displays," said one faculty member. "I think it was a very worthwhile exercise," he added.

Another volunteer summed it up this way. "It was enjoyable but I wouldn't want it to happen every year."



Grambart photo



Massive Malahat hits the stands

The latest edition of UVic's international quarterly, **The Malahat Review**, is a double-size celebration of a cultural rebirth in British Columbia, with the emphasis on poetry.

Entitled "The West Coast Renaissance", the 352-page volume includes works by 24 painters, printmakers and sculptors. Among 40 other contributors of poems, fiction and articles are 24 people associated with UVic as students, former students and faculty.

Co-editors Robin Skelton (Creative Writing) and Charles Lillard compiled the volume over the past year and Skelton who is a co-founder of the review calls it, "the toughest issue I have ever had to edit."

"We were dealing with an issue twice the normal size and with 64 short contributions rather than fewer and longer pieces," he explains.

"The bibliographies of the contributors are fuller than usual since we wanted to include complete works by poets and artists for interested readers."

The issue includes poems by established poets such as P.K. Page, Skelton, and Rona Murray. But the stress in this volume is on younger B.C. poets including Susan Musgrave, Sean Virgo, Lillard, Doug Beardsley, Joan Rodgers, Theresa Kishkan and Garry McKevitt.

For Skelton and Lillard, the rebirth of west coast culture began in the early 1960s.

In articles in the issue, they explain why they chose poetry as the chief feature of this renaissance.

"We have chosen to place our emphasis on poetry because that is where the new vitality of west coast writing appears most clearly and definitely and because we can present the works of more poets in the space we have available than we could writers of fiction or dramatists," writes Skelton.

"We were unable to get in any fiction other than by poets, but there will be fiction from B.C. writers in future issues," Skelton added in a recent interview.

"Poetry is the predominant feature of B.C.'s literary history," says Lillard in an article on the recent history of poetry and letters in B.C.

Lillard singles out Frank Davey, poet and editor of the literary magazine **Tish**, J. Michael Yates, UBC professor, poet and founder of two magazines and Sono Nis Press, and Skelton, as the leaders of the current west coast revival in poetry.

Included in Lillard's article are impressive lists of anthologies, drama, fiction, poetry and magazines. He also lists 26 publishing houses now operating in B.C.

Skelton, in the opening article in the issue, explains that the first awakening of B.C. culture occurred when "Marius Barbeau, Franz Boas and John Swanton, brought to light the extraordinary richness of the mythology of the Haida, Kwakiutl, Salish, Tsimshian, and other tribes of our coast and presented them to us in legends and stories and in reproductions of totem poles, argillite carvings and other artifacts that disturbed and excited the imagination of the world."

The period culminated in the writings and paintings of Emily Carr and ended with her death in 1945.

"The Renaissance which we are outlining in this issue of **The Malahat Review**, may be said to have begun 15 years later in the sixties," says Skelton.

Skelton compares the west coast renaissance to the Irish Renaissance during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

"First there is a serious attempt to write British Columbia history fully for the first time. The rewriting of Irish history during the nineteenth and early twentieth century was of enormous importance in giving that country a sense of itself; so it is in British Columbia."

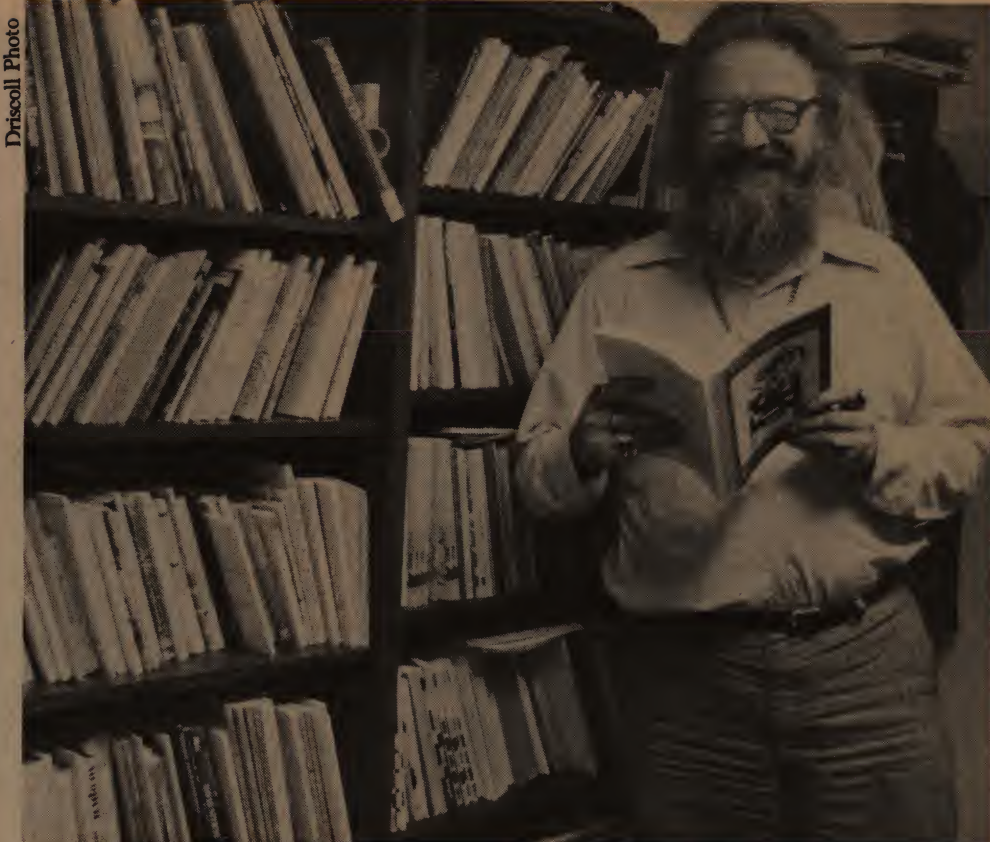
Skelton argues that just as the Irish scholars sought to translate and recreate Gaelic literature and record and renew folk tales, so B.C. scholars, editors and writers are now bringing to light the legends and oral literature of the native peoples.

In Ireland writers and artists found imaginative renewal by visiting and exploring the wilderness of Connemara and the Aran Islands. "More and more British Columbia writers and artists are seeking to spend time on the Queen Charlottes or in our far north. There is a movement away from the urban and back to the people."

Skelton points out that there are differences in the two renaissances. "British Columbia is blessed with more artists than was Ireland and is provided already with more publishing houses and magazines than existed in Ireland during the renaissance period."

"It was the theatre which led the cultural renaissance in Ireland. This is not so, here."

Skelton says it is not yet possible to record the names of the true leaders of the B.C.



Skelton peruses literary celebration of B.C.'s cultural rebirth

Renaissance. "We can however note that our renaissance is not purely one of writers, painters and sculptors. There has been over the past decade an enormous increase in the number of craftsmen and women working here."

"Our art galleries, both public and commercial, are larger and more numerous than they were. Whereas 10 years ago outside Victoria and the Vancouver areas there was scarcely a bookshop to be found, there are now many."

"In the chronicling of our Renaissance we have indeed only given the tip of the iceberg."

Contributors to the issue include Rita Hammet, Marilyn Bowering, Patrick Lane, Gwladys Downes, Jill Rogers, George McWhirter, Fred Wah, Roo Borson, Carolee Dale, Sharon McMillan, T.A. Dobbie, Patricia Jose, R.W. Stedding, Robert Bringham, Rosalind MacPhee, Monica Kulling, Ken Cathers, Sally Bryer, Constance Rooke, Alexander Hutchison, Diana Hayes, Eric Ivan Berg, Colin Browne, Mike Doyle, Derk Wynand, Florence McNeil, Richard Stevenson, John Marshall, Cheryl Bauer, Catherine Robinson, Frederick Candelaria and Phyllis Webb.

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by the Canada Council and the B.C. government through the B.C. Cultural Fund. It is available at the Malahat Review office in the Clearihue Building, the campus bookstore and at book stores in Victoria.

Saving money

The university may be able to save several hundred dollars on elections involving the Senate and Board of Governors.

At the moment the cost of mailing out both a call for nominations, and ballot to students costs about \$900.

"There is an amendment before the Senate to change the rules," registrar Ron Ferry said. "If it goes through, we will solicit nominations by publication, through **The Ring**, **The Martlet** and public noticeboards."

"We would still have to mail out ballots. It's too expensive for us to consider setting up voting on campus and not all students are on campus every day."

"Calling for nominations by publication would save us the cost of one mailing. We would follow the same procedure for the faculty positions."

McAuley to monitor metals in B.C. fish muscles

By Donna Danylchuk

Dr. Alex McAuley (Chemistry) has received a \$41,000 National Research Council grant to study the presence and properties of metals accumulating in the fish of B.C. lakes and coastal waters.

Specifically, McAuley will be attempting to discover what levels of impure, unwelcome or "rogue" metals are present in the fish muscles.

"The intention is to isolate enzymes from different fish to see what the toxicological implications are."

The NRC "strategic grant" has been awarded to the chemist to carry out the environmental toxicology study over a two-year period. Strategic grants are being awarded by the NRC for research projects in areas of significant contemporary concern.

Over the last few years, McAuley and one of his former graduate students discovered that adding micro amounts of heavy metals such as lead, silver or mercury to protein enzymes in rabbit skeletal muscle would "denature" the enzyme.

Denatured enzymes lose their contractile properties resulting in a loss of muscle control, McAuley explains.

"This leads us to believe that you could have an accumulation of heavy metals from the environment which might affect muscle operation in other species."

McAuley intends to try to isolate enzymes from fish muscles to determine whether they show traces of heavy metal accumulation from mine tailings and other metal sources in the sea.

He says that some fish in some B.C. lakes might already

have adapted to high metal concentrations.

Decisions on which lakes he will be studying will be made shortly after he meets with representatives of the federal Department of Fisheries.

One reason cited by McAuley for conducting the study is that fish are close to the bottom of the food chain. A long-range implication of such work is the possibility of someday contributing to knowledge of muscle-related diseases in man.

He is approaching the study as an inorganic chemist interested in metals and in looking at the environment of metals in protein.

Proteins are complex organic molecules made up of a series of building blocks bonded together in specific ways. Enzymes are special classes of proteins, he explains.

The enzymes which McAuley is working with are the protein enzymes which are triggered by metals.

Some proteins, says McAuley, can function in certain ways due to the presence of specific metals. The presence of calcium in certain protein enzymes, for example, triggers a chemical process which in turn results in muscle contractions.

"I am looking at why some enzymes don't function as they normally do once they pick up other metals from the environment."

"I want to see what it is in the protein which causes metals to bind to it."

"Also, I want to find out whether the rogue metals present in fish muscles can be extracted from the enzymes."

Once he has isolated enzymes from different fish species,

McAuley will work with chemical spectroscopic probes to monitor the metal levels.

He expects the quantities he will be studying with the probe to be minute, in the range of parts per million.

Another of his interests is in studying the dynamics of the metal bonding process to determine how fast metals bond with the protein.

McAuley's study represents a significant shift taking place in the relationships between branches of the sciences.

Until recently, inorganic chemists had not been closely involved with studies in the life sciences.

Now that inorganic metals are being found in organic protein enzymes, studies such as McAuley's might be described in an apparent contradiction in terms as studies in "inorganic biochemistry".

The contradiction is only a surface one, however, assures the chemist.

He suggests that there are possibilities for further environmental toxicology studies which would bring together a diverse collection of chemists, biochemists and biologists all working in their areas of specialization towards a common goal.

There is significant interest at UVic in a multidisciplinary approach to environmental studies. A co-ordinated approach to marine-related systems is now being discussed by faculty members, he says.

McAuley believes that the area where scientists on this campus should co-operate is obvious.

"Up to now I have been working on rabbit muscles, but clearly, here, we cannot turn our backs on the sea."

Ombudsman opens shop

Patricia Beatty-Guenter, UVic's first student ombudsman (or ombudswoman), has set up her office in the Student Union Building.

Beatty-Guenter, a 24-year old graduate student in sociology, was selected by an AMS committee from 24 applicants for the job.

Before coming to UVic in 1976 to do graduate work, the new ombudsman was a liaison person between community groups and city planners in Calgary, Alberta, working for a firm conducting social impact studies.

Prior to that, Beatty-Guenter attended the University of Calgary where she helped to organize a sociology students' association and became the voting student member on departmental committees.

"I worked as the undergraduate co-ordinator and informally became the person people came to if they had a complaint.

"I really feel for students who come into a complex organization. I like being the liaison person between different groups," she says.

The ombudsman position was created by the Alma Mater Society under former President Brian Gardiner who said the appointment would show student government willingness to provide students with help when appealing grades or encountering other difficulties on campus.

The ombudsman is hired and paid by the

AMS at a rate of \$500 a month for part-time work. The selection was arranged by the former student administration so that the ombudsman is taking office at the same time as the new student administration.

The original terms of reference stated that the person selected would assist all members of the university community, which would have included staff and faculty. Beatty-Guenter says that these terms have been altered and her major focus is going to be on "assisting students to function in this complex organization".

"I see myself handling problems and also being a sort of traffic director. Some students don't make use of the facilities now available. For those who are timid I will act on their behalf."

The original job description said that the position would be reviewed after a one-year period. The review period has been changed to three months, says Beatty-Guenter.

The new ombudsman is now dividing her time between her new job and work on her graduate thesis.

She can be found in the former clubs office in the SUB from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday; 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Friday; and between 5 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday.



Beatty-Guenter: goes to work for students

Maltwood collection now on view



High-backed Chair, Charles II, English c. 1675 Museum Collection



Vase and cover, Celadon from China, Sung Dynasty, in centre

The UVic Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery has found its new home.

This week from March 11 to 18 the inaugural exhibition of the museum and gallery collection is being held in the newly completed 3,000-square-foot gallery space off the University Centre foyer.

The official opening of the new gallery is not scheduled until September. The inaugural exhibition has been planned to give visitors to Open House and members of the campus community the opportunity to view some of the representative pieces in UVic's art and museum collections at an earlier date. The diversity of the collections is part of their wide appeal (see pictures.)

The Maltwood Museum collection of 17th Century English furniture and 19th Century clothing, glassware and ceramics was bequeathed to UVic in 1964 by the husband of Katherine Maltwood, turn of the century sculptress, antiquarian and writer.

UVic's art collection, initiated in 1952, is a treasure trove of B.C. watercolors and other art including some contemporary native prints.

The exhibition is open weekdays between 10 and 12 noon and occasional afternoons. For further information, call local 6169.



A Liberty of London Art Nouveau tea service



Law students capture top court trophy

Two third-year students of the Faculty of Law recently put their legal training to the test in Winnipeg. They passed the test by bringing back to Victoria the Malcolm McIntyre Trophy in a Moot Court Competition.

Bill Ehrcke and Glen Paruk represented the Faculty of Law at the competition in the first year UVic has been invited to participate. The trophy has been up for competition since 1965. The six western law faculties (including Calgary which also appeared for the first time) took part in the trying of the same case on three consecutive days.

The UVic team mooted against the team from the University of Saskatchewan for the one-day trial. This arrangement allowed one team to be involved in only one trial over the three day competition.

The competition was held at the University of Manitoba's Moot Courtroom with a Manitoba Court of Appeal judge, Mr. Justice Gordon C. Hall hearing the case.

"Basically the case was a will with some problem in contract and restitution", said Ehrcke. "An elderly woman after her husband died went to live with her niece and promised her the estate when she died. In the end, the nephew of the aunt had her sign a will giving him some of the estate. In this case we represented the case for the niece.

"Bill handled the will's aspect and I handled the other aspects," said Paruk.

"Each team was supplied with three witnesses, students in the Faculty of Law at University of Manitoba. We got time to interview the witnesses before the trial to enable us to better prepare for the competition," said Paruk.

"Basically, the competition was marked on the presentation of the case and not on having a judgment for your team," said Ehrcke.

Professor Mary Anne Waldron (Law) was the coach for the team. She was helped by Peter Klassen, a Victoria lawyer.

Waldron had competed in the competition when she was a student of law at the University of Manitoba. "At Manitoba, we had a litigation class which had a run-off to select students for the competition," she said.

The students from Victoria were selected by a committee from names submitted by the students. Their trip was made possible by a grant from the Law Foundation of British Columbia.

Quiet elections begin on campus

By April 5 all the student and faculty positions on the Senate and Board of Governors will be filled for the next year.

As of March 2 ten students won Senate positions by acclamation. These included Saverio Colantonio (Educ-4), Tino DiBella (Law-2), Grant Elliott (P.A.), Anne Field (A&S-1), Elizabeth Hanan (Law-1), Chris Main (A&S-4), Judy Sharpe (Law-1), Mark Shaw (P.A.), Susan Soper (H&SD-2) and Robert Thompson (A&S-4).

Ballots for the two student positions on the Board of Governors were sent out on March 16. Daryl McLoughlin (A&S-3), Alana Mero (A&S-2), Nick Haazen (P.A.) and Bernard Soberg (A&S-3) are vying for the positions and results will be in by March 30.

Ballots for the election of faculty representatives to the Senate are due in by March 21. Contesting the Arts and Science position are Dr. R.J. Powers and Dr. G.R. Mason; for Education, Dr. Bruce Howe and Mrs. M.A. Small; for Fine Arts, Dr. Harvey Miller and Prof. J.P. Dobreiner, and for Graduate Studies, Dr. S.E. Scully, Dr. C.E. Hodgkinson, Dr. R.A. Hoppe, and Dr. H.W. Dossio. The Faculty of Law representative, Prof. R.I. Cheffins, gained his position by acclamation.

Faculty members seeking election to four Senate seats include: Dr. R.H. Mitchell (Chemistry), Dr. J.S. Hayward (Biology), Dr. P. Cabanas (Hispanic & Italian Studies), Dr. N.W. Poushinsky (Sociology), Dr. T.A. Lambe (Public Administration), Dr. W.R. Gordon (Mathematics), Dr. V.A. Neufeldt (English), Dr. J.M. Michelson (Philosophy), Dr. R.H. Roy (History), Dr. M.L. Collis (Education). Ballots for these positions will be sent out March 15 and due in April 5.



The UVic Vikings finished fourth last weekend in the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union championships in Halifax, but not before coming within seconds of defeating the eventual CIAU champions, St. Mary's Huskies. St. Mary's ousted the Vikings 82-79 in the semi-finals. Pictured above prior to a practice just before the CIAU championships are, left to right, front row: Ken Shields (coach), Ian Hyde-lay, Robbie Parris, Grant Boland, Craig Higgins, Mickey Welder, Howard Stashewsky (manager). Back row: Lorne Dakin, Billy Loos, Chris Hebb, Brian Sutherland-Brown, Reni Dolcetti, Ted Anderson, Jim Duddridge (assistant coach).

Drop-outs cite academic, financial woes

Between the end of registration in September and Dec. 1 of the 1977-78 academic year, 345 UVic students dropped out of university.

According to administrative registrar Gordon Smiley, the figure is not unusually high this year. During the same period in 1975-76 there were 333 withdrawals from UVic and in 1976-77 there were 320 drop-outs.

The Alma Mater Society, however, became concerned about the drop-out rate this year and in January sent out 148 questionnaires in an attempt to find out why students are leaving.

There were 70 replies to the AMS survey and they revealed that academic and financial problems were the chief reasons for students dropping out.

Of those replying, 36 per cent left UVic because of academic problems and 20 per cent left because of a lack of funds to continue.

The survey also indicated that 30 per cent of those who left did so either to look for work or because they found jobs. Of the 70 who replied to the survey, 12 had found jobs.

Half the drop-outs replying to the survey live in the Greater Victoria area, 18 per cent live in the Lower Mainland and 10 per cent in the Interior. Only five of those surveyed felt their place of residence had an effect on their decision to leave UVic.

Problems encountered by students who dropped out included the lack of part-time jobs and difficulties obtaining adequate financial aid.

Comments were invited from former students and they included everything from "lost interest" to "contempt for the system and its products".

"I used university as a tool for the development of my mind. I found better tools," was one comment.

calendar

Thursday, March 16th

- 12:30 pm Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies. Dr. Carlo Chiarenza, University of British Columbia, will lecture in English on "Literature and film in post-war Italy". COR 145.
- 1:30 pm Physics seminar. Dr. J.C. Larsen, Pacific Marine Environment Laboratory, Seattle, Washington, will speak on "Low Frequency (0.61 to 6 cycles per day) Island Electromagnetic Observation". ELL 061.
- 3:30 to 5:00 pm Petch peeves. Students, staff and faculty welcome. President's Office.
- 7:00 pm Cinecenta films. SUB Theatre. "Pride and Prejudice".
- 8:00 pm New Music Concert IV. No admission charge. Art Gallery.
- 9:15 pm Cinecenta films. SUB Theatre. "Isabel".

Friday, March 17th

- 9:30 am University Lectures Committee and the department of political science. Dr. S. Mann Trofimenkoff, chairman, department of history, University of Ottawa, will speak on "Canadian Duality: An Historical Perspective". COR 112.
- 12:30 pm "Fridaymusic". Free noon hour concert. MAC 144.
- 2:30 pm Faculty of Education meeting. MAC 115
- 7:15 & 9:15 pm Cinecenta films. SUB Theatre. "Wizards".
- 8:00 pm Degree recital. George Kereluk, bassoon. MAC 144.

Saturday, March 18th

- 10:15 am Physics seminar. Prof. R.P. Feynman,

California Institute of Technology, will give an informal seminar based on questions from the audience. ELL 167.

- 7:15 pm Cinecenta films. SUB Theatre. "City Lights" and "The Great Dictator".

Sunday, March 19th

- 7:00 to 10:00 pm Badminton. McKinnon Gym.
- 7:15 & 9:15 pm Cinecenta films. SUB Theatre. "The Story of Adele H." Subtitles.

Monday, March 20th

- 1:00 pm Board of Governors meeting. University Centre meeting room.
- 3:00, 7:00 & 9:15 pm Cinecenta films. SUB Theatre. "Love and Anarchy". Italian with subtitles.
- 3:30 pm Political science seminar. Miss Marion Haupt, 4th. year honours, UVic, will speak on "Demand Articulation in the Republic of South Africa". COR 373.
- 8:30 pm English department. A performance of readings from Dickens by Philip Collins, University of Leicester, England. CLER 101.

Tuesday, March 21st

- 9:30 am History—regular class. Brig. Gen. N.F. Parrish of the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama will lecture to the class. COR 343.
- 12:30 pm "Tuesdaymusic". Free noon hour concert. MAC 144.
- 12:30 pm Free film. "Bottle Babies". Sponsored by AMS. SUB Theatre.
- 2:30 pm Biology seminar. Dr. A.T. Matheson, department of biochemistry and micro-

biology, UVic, will speak on "Ribosome Structure and Function". CU 1102.

Wednesday, March 22

- 9:30 am History—regular class. Dr. Don Sherman, department of history, Queen's University, and expert in British naval history in the 19th. century will lecture to the class. COR 343.
- 12:30 pm Department of Hispanic and Italian studies. Mrs. Lina Ladron de Guevara will be giving readings in Spanish from the poetry of Pablo Neruda. COR 145.
- 3:00, 7:00 & 9:15 pm Cinecenta films. SUB Theatre. "The Lost Honour of Katharine Blum". German with subtitles.
- 3:30 pm Psychology seminar. John William Kierans, MA candidate, will defend his thesis entitled "Self-Control of Penile Tumescence". COR 193.
- 8:00 pm Degree recital. Claude McLean, Piano. MAC 144.
- 8:00 pm Philosophy lecture. Dr. Kenneth W. Rankin, UVic, will speak on "Fatalism, Time and Logic". COR 108.
- 8:30 to 11:00 pm Badminton, Old gym.

Thursday, March 23rd

- 3:30 to 5:00 pm Petch peeves. Students, staff and faculty welcome. SUB Upper Lounge.
- 3:30 pm Faculty of human and social development meeting. SEDG 011.
- 7:15 pm Cinecenta films. SUB Theatre. "The Young Frankenstein" and "The Phantom of the Paradise".

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